

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Martin called the regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 1, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Johnson, Quigley, Wickstrom and Withhart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the April 1, 2013 agenda as submitted.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Height Differential Lego Team

Mayor Martin read the following proclamation to recognize the Height Differential Lego Team who won the state competition in robotic design and will go on to compete nationally.

WHEREAS, the Height Differential Lego Team is made up of seven students from the Shoreview area – Grant Altenhofen, Akash D’Souza, Nick Riedel, Gracie Whiting, John Helgeson, Charlie Whiting and Katie Riedel; and

WHEREAS, the Height Differential Lego Team edged out fierce competition to earn first place in the regional tournament in November for robot design where this year’s theme was “Senior Solutions”; and

WHEREAS, the Height Differential Lego Team designed and built a robot made from Legos and then programmed it to perform various tasks using PC based software; and

WHEREAS, the Height Differential Lego Team moved on and took first place in the state tournament competing against 66 other teams; and

WHEREAS, the City Council congratulates and wishes good luck to the entire team as they travel to Carlsbad, California to compete nationally in May against other states, as well as Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Sandra C. Martin, on behalf of the Shoreview City Council and the entire City of Shoreview, hereby present this proclamation to the Height Differential Lego Team on this 1st day of April 2013 in recognition of their first place finish in the state tournament and advancement to the national tournament.

Katie Riedel, Team Member, explained that the purpose of the Lego Team is to encourage youth interest and participation in science and technology projects. Thirteen teams from Shoreview competed this year. The team is independent and receives no funding through the school district. The team has gained experience in engineering, product design, computers and marketing. The theme this year was Senior Solutions. A visual caller ID was invented to attach to land line phones for seniors suffering with dementia and Alzheimer's. The team is judged on robot design, programming and a research project. The Height Differential Lego Team is the only team representing Minnesota who will compete nationally in Carlsbad, California. Competition will be with teams from Canada, Mexico and even a team from Korea. Two short video documentaries were shown of team projects.

Katie introduced the team and coaches: Grant Altenhofen, Akash D'Souza, Nick Riedel, Gracie Whiting, John Helgeson, Charlie Whiting and Katie Riedel. Coaches are Terry and Jack Riedel, Christine Altenhofen and Ann Whiting.

Councilmember Quigley noted that the team has a link through the Wells Fargo website for donations to Height Differential for their trip to the national competition.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Cheryl Wason, Vice President, Shoreview Sister City Association, stated that the 11th Annual Dinner will feature Bill Dunno, former Presidential appointee for the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. The dinner is April 13, 2013. The deadline for reservations is April 4, 2013. Reservations can be made online at www.sesca.org.

Operation Giggle Rooster will be kicked off on April 10, 2013. This is a community campaign to send the rooster to Einhausen in August. There is also a trip planned for northern Germany. The deadline for reservations is April 15, 2013.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Martin:

The Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band will hold its Spring Band Concert on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Bethel Great Hall.

On Saturday, May 4, the Walk for Kids and K-9's will be sponsored by the Rotary Club with proceeds being used for youth scholarships and the Sheriff Department's K-9 program.

The Shoreview Human Rights Commission has chosen Lucy Chen as winner of this year's Essay Contest. Winners will be announced at the April 27th meeting.

Councilmember Johnson:

The City has begun flushing fire hydrants. Information is posted on the City website.

Spring Cleanup Day will be Saturday, May 18, 2013. The site for drop off will be at the Ramsey County Public Works facility on Hamline and Highway 96.

The Shoreview Human Rights Commission is seeking applicants for the Caring Youth program. The deadline for application is April 15, 2013.

Councilmember Wickstrom:

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon will hold its monthly Build a Burger on April 8, 2013, at the VFW in White Bear Lake from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Steering Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

There are a couple of upcoming meetings regarding water issues. One will be April 4, 2013, "Our Water Our Future," 6:30 p.m., at Century College, East Campus, White Bear Lake. On April 17, 2013, the Environmental Quality Committee will host a presentation on "Where Does Our Water Come From."

The Green Community Awards is accepting applications. Applications are available on the City website and are due by May 24, 2013. This year, other categories will be included, such as energy conservation in the home.

The annual rain barrel and compost bin sale. They can be ordered online at recycleminnesota.org. Pick them up on April 20, 2013, at Roseville City Hall.

Councilmember Withhart:

The Pioneer Press' Peep Diorama Contest winner this year is Shoreview's own Ron Young. Councilmember Withhart requested that a Certificate of Acknowledgement be presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item No. 12 was pulled for separate discussion. Councilmember Wickstrom noted that the location is Carl Holmberg's former home and may be a historical site. She contacted Jacci Krebsbach of the Shoreview Historical Society who will take pictures and see if there is anything of historical significance that should be preserved.

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the Consent Agenda for April 1, 2013, and all relevant resolutions for item Nos. 1 through 12.

1. March 11, 2013 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
2. March 18, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes:
 - Human Rights Commission, January 23, 2013
 - Economic Development Commission, February 19, 2013
 - Human Rights Commission, March 13, 2013
 - Public Safety Committee, March 21, 2013
4. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$634,488.25
5. Purchases
6. License Applications
7. Approval of Final 2012 Inter-fund Transfers and Loans
8. Approve Plans and Specifications - County Road D & Cottage Place Reconstruction, CP 13-01A and 13-01B
9. Approve Plans and Specifications - Red Fox Road Improvements, CP 12-04
10. Approve Street Lighting Standard for County Road D
11. Conditional Use Permit - Jeff and Margaret Vest, 5385 Carlson Road
12. Minor Subdivision - Josh and Joanna Wing, 169 Bridge Street

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

GENERAL BUSINESS

AWARD OF BID - BUCHER PARK RENOVATION PROJECT

Presentation by City Manager Terry Schwerm

Bucher Park is located in north Shoreview, south of County Road J and Mackubin Street. Brauer & Associates (now WSB & Associates) has developed a Master Plan for this project. Neighborhood meetings were held with residents and athletic associations. Key elements of the Master Plan include:

- An updated playground
- New entryway, plaza and picnic shelter
- Trail modifications and extensions
- Landscaping improvements
- Drainage improvements for two baseball fields and three youth soccer fields
- Trail fitness stations

While the work is being done, the soccer fields will have to be closed. The baseball fields will remain open.

The City solicited bids with a base bid and five alternate bids. Eight bids were received with a price range of \$309,000 to \$480,000 on the base bid. The bids for all five alternates ranged from \$140,000 to \$281,000. The low bid of \$449,751, which includes the base bid and all five alternates was received from Odesa II, the contractor used for Sitzer Park. The Architect's Estimate for the project was \$527,000.

Staff is recommending the bid be awarded to Odesa II for the base bid and all five alternates in the amount of \$449,751. This is a competitive price at \$140,000 under the next low bidder, and lower than the Architect's estimate on the project.

Councilmember Johnson commended staff on the updated design for the park that includes handicap accessibility and easy drop off area for parents to leave and pick up children.

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adopt Resolution 13-37 awarding the bid for the Bucher Park Renovation Project to Odesa II in the amount of \$449,751.00, and that the Mayor and City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract for this work.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Martin
Nays: None

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

Presentation by Public Works Director Mark Maloney

The proposed legislation would allow cities to create municipal street improvement districts. The City Engineers Association and the Public Works Association of Minnesota have been trying to pass such legislation for seven consecutive legislative sessions.

Creation of municipal street districts would be an added funding mechanism that could be used for street repairs. There is broad support for the legislation, including the League of Minnesota Cities. If the legislation passes, staff would recommend using this authority initially for seal coating.

Councilmember Quigley asked how the levy structure would work for a municipal street district. Mr. Maloney explained that it would be similar to the surface water utility with all properties treated the same.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to approve Resolution No. 13-35 supporting legislation authorizing the establishment of Municipal Street Improvement Districts.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Johnson, Martin
Nays: None

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION PROTECTING WATER SUPPLIES AND LAKES IN THE NORTHEAST TWIN CITIES

Presentation by Public Works Director Mark Maloney

The proposed State legislation would provide funding to the USGS to expand their study and funding for a feasibility study for augmentation solutions for the level of White Bear Lake. It has been requested that Shoreview support an amendment that would provide additional funding to study these issues at Turtle Lake. Staff has drafted a resolution for council consideration that would support bill revisions to include Turtle Lake.

Councilmember Quigley questioned whether it would be risky in terms of many lakes that need attention.

Mayor Martin responded that it is difficult to oppose obtaining more information. She is not convinced this is the best way to get information for Turtle Lake because the study will have \$1 million in funding, and Turtle Lake will be only a small part.

One option would be to not take formal action and remain neutral on this issue since it is not the primary legislative priority for the City.

Mr. Schwerm stated that additional funds would be added to include Turtle Lake. There have been discussions recognizing that the scope of the bill would be expanded and that additional funds would be necessary to include Turtle Lake.

Councilmember Withhart stated that information from this broad of a study could point to further specific studies to address the lake level at Turtle Lake. There are issues with home values. He supports the resolution.

Councilmember Wickstrom noted that the language in both bills uses "and other lakes in the northeast Twin Cities." This would mean that Turtle Lake is included. Her concern is that the study will not address long-term use of the aquifers. The study does not go far enough. If there are too many studies, there may be overlap. She would prefer to have one comprehensive study that looks at every aspect of water--water supply, drinking water, lake levels, etc. Many studies will cost more.

Mr. Schwerm stated that he believes there are additional requests to the legislature regarding water supply throughout the State. Locally, he believes these issues should be deferred to the Metropolitan Council. If Turtle Lake and additional funding are added to the legislation, specific factors relating to Turtle Lake will be studied.

Mr. Maloney stated that the City interacts with many agencies in regard to water. Water does not respect municipal boundaries so it is difficult to be clear about the actions of so many agencies.

Councilmember Quigley stated that tactically a resolution from the City is important to keep focus on the issue at the legislature. He supports the general motion but cannot support specifics.

Mr. Schwerm noted that one part of the study will be built on the Phase 1 study already done on White Bear Lake by the USGS. Turtle Lake was not included in that study, which may make it difficult to be part of the legislation now. The second part of the study involves looking at potential solutions to low lake levels.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that the concern is water quality. The lake level can be brought up with Mississippi River water, but there is a concern about water quality. Also, residents are split on spending the amount of money that is needed to address the issue. She would support a resolution on a comprehensive study on ground water.

Councilmember Withhart suggested the resolution be tabled and a new resolution brought regarding a study on ground water rather than funding a number of piece meal projects.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to table Resolution No. 13-36 supporting revisions to HF 684/1329 and SF 108/497 relating to the protection of water supplies and lakes in the northeast Twin Cities.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Wickstrom, Withhart, Johnson, Quigley, Martin
Nays: None

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A METROPOLITAN AREA DEDICATED TRANSIT SALES TAX

Presentation by City Manager Terry Schwerm

The Regional Council of Mayors has discussed the importance of a metropolitan area sales tax to support transit. A good public transit system is critical to economic development and job creation in the region. No specific amount is stated in the resolution, as legislation has been changing.

Mayor Martin stated that she did sign a support letter with approximately 25 other mayors in the metropolitan area. This contributes to a stronger region, although Shoreview may not be a direct recipient of some of the benefits.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that she has been working with a group of officials in Ramsey County to advocate for transit lines that make sense in Ramsey County. It is critical for cities to coalesce and advocate and be active on this issue in order to get a piece of the pie. It is critical to economic development.

Mayor Martin noted that transit takes cars off the road making commuting for those not able to use transit much easier.

MOTION: by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve Resolution No. 13-34 supporting a metropolitan area dedicated transit sales tax.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Withhart, Johnson, Quigley, Wickstrom, Martin
Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2013.

Terry C. Schwerm
City Manager